

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q66727

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Examiner: Anthony M. MACKOWEY

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For: APPARATUS FOR SUPPRESSING NOISE BY ADAPTING FILTER  
CHARACTERISTICS TO INPUT IMAGE SIGNAL BASED ON CHARACTERISTICS  
OF INPUT IMAGE SIGNAL

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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**REMARKS**

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated February 6, 2008. The Reasons for Allowance on page 3, line 6, notes "the Final Office action mailed October 15, 2005." The actual mail date was October 6, 2005.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to

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engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated February 6, 2008.

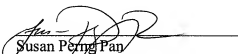
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